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§10–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Administration” means the Child Support Administration of the Department of Human Services.

(c) “Earnings” includes:

(1) any form of periodic payment to an individual, including:

(i) an annuity;

(ii) a pension;

(iii) Social Security payments;

(iv) workers’ compensation payments; and

(v) unemployment insurance benefits; and

(2) any commissions or fees paid in connection with the obligor’s employment.

(d) (1) “Employer” means any person who is paying earnings to an obligor.

(2) “Employer” includes a governmental entity.

(e) “Local support enforcement office” means 1 of the following that is responsible for support enforcement:

(1) a county agency; or

(2) a component of the circuit court for a county.

(f) (1) “Obligee” means any person who is entitled to receive support.

(2) “Obligee” includes a state.

(g) “Obligor” means an individual who is required to pay support under a court order.

(h) “Support” includes:

- (1) child support;
- (2) spousal support;
- (3) support of destitute adult children; and
- (4) support of destitute parents.

(i) “Support enforcement agency” means 1 of the following that receives support payments under a court order:

- (1) the Administration; or
- (2) a local support enforcement office.

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